

**Amendments to the Specification are as follows:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 7 and ending on page 11, line 3 as follows:

As shown in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7, the operating knob 4 includes a column-shaped large diameter portion 17 located outside the storage section 3a of the operating lever 3 and a protuberant portion 18 projecting upward from the center of the large diameter portion 17, and the protuberant portion 18 has a narrowed portion 18a at the midpoint thereof. The large diameter portion 17 is formed with knurl 17a on the outer peripheral surface thereof, and the protuberant portion 18 is also provided with knurl 18b for providing a roughened surface at the top of the spherical body thereof. Four key switches 5 are arranged generally into an annular shape so as to surround the upper end portion of the operating lever 3 and the operating knob 4. Although all the key switches 5 are formed into the same shape, they are subjected to the surface treatment which gives different surface touches from key to key. When reference numerals 5A to 5D are designated to each of the key switches 5 for convenience's sake, in the case of the present embodiment, a key switch 5AD is provided with a mirror finished surface, a key switch 5BA is provided with a number of projections, a key switch 5CB is provided with fine irregularity formed by etching on the surface thereof, and a key switch 5D is formed with a number of lines by knurling on the surface thereof. As shown in Fig. 1, a circuit board 19 is mounted on the back surface of the outer casing 1, and four push switches 20 facing the respective key switches 5 are mounted on the circuit board 19.